

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are currently pending in the above-referenced patent application. Claims 13-22 have been newly added by way of the present Amendment. **In the Office Action:** The Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 9, 2002 was objected to. Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "applicant's admitted prior art" in view of Kim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,229,516). Claims 1-12 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tokunaga et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,995,069) in view of Kim et al.

In response to the objection to the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 9, 2002 for failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. It is stated in the Office Action that the Information Disclosure Statement does not include a concise explanation of relevance. However, the Korean language documents filed in the Information Disclosure Statement each included an English language abstract. It is clearly stated in MPEP § 609 that "[s]ubmission of an English language abstract of a reference may fulfill the requirement for a concise explanation."

In response to the rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over "applicant's admitted prior art" in view of Kim et al., the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. These claims recite a plasma display panel utilizing asymmetry sustaining. These claims also recite address electrode lines.

In the "Description of the Related Art" section of the present application, "conventional art" is disclosed in Figures 1-4. However, "conventional art" is different from prior art, as conventional art is not necessarily prior art. Accordingly, the Applicant's disclosure of "conventional art" cannot be properly cited in a rejection as prior art.

Kim et al. relates to a driving circuit of a liquid crystal display. However, unlike the recitations of claims 1-12, there is no disclosure of a plasma display panel utilizing asymmetry sustaining. Further, there is no disclosure in Kim et al. of address electrode lines. At least for these reasons, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tokunaga et al. in view of Kim et al., the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. These claims recite a plasma display panel utilizing asymmetry sustaining and address electrode lines. As discussed above, Kim et al. does not disclose a plasma display panel utilizing asymmetry sustaining.

Tokunaga et al. relates to a display system for plasma display panel. However, unlike the recitations of claims 1-12, there is no disclosure of a plasma display panel utilizing asymmetry sustaining. At least for these reasons, a *prima facie* case of obviousness has not been established.

The Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of newly added claims 13-17. These claims recite an apparatus comprising a first driver and a second driver. The first driver is configured to drive a first set of address electrodes with a first set of

signals. The second driver is configured to drive a second set of address electrodes with a second set of signals. The first set of signals are driven asymmetrical to the second set of signals.

The Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of newly added claims 18-22. These claims recite a method comprising driving a first set of electrodes and driving a second set of electrodes. The driving of the first set of electrodes is from a first driver with a first set of signals. The driving of the second set of electrodes is from a second driver with a second set of signals. The first set of signals are driven asymmetrically to the second set of signals.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, Daniel H. Sherr, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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